Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 23 with the following paragraph:

To protect the economic value of the content the provider prohibits assimilation thereof by persons who are not in possession of a key, while issuing such a key to each subscriber. The prohibition may operate at any one (or more) of the stage of a process which includes the steps of: retrieving the content from the server via the network; saving the content on a subscriber's client machine; and consuming the content (e.g. in the case of visually assimilable content, reading it). The general examples given above are applicable to the provision of a resource in the form of content; in the case of the provision of some other resource, for example the use of a particular hardware element on the server machine, the prohibition is likely to operate in a somewhat different manner. Allocation and management of keys is performed at the server by a key management program KMP. The precise manner of operation of both prohibition upon the availability of a resource, and use of a key to provide exception to such prohibition are not germane to the present invention, and will not therefore be discussed in any detail. More complete information may however be obtained from "Key Management for Multicase: Issues and Architectures; D. Wallner, E. Hardner & R. Agee, available online at the website ~~www.ietf.org/rfc/rfe2627.txt~~ www dot ietf dot org backslash rfc backslash rfc2627 dot txt the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.